

Preparedness Is to Shop Early!

Less than two weeks to Christmas, and if you would avoid the last great rush you must shop now, while we can give you individual attention. Why not make your gifts practical? There is no better way of spreading happiness or Christmas than by being sure that your remembrances to friends are useful. Our store is crowded with sensible gift merchandise.

Christmas Linens

You can find the right kind here. We have an excellent line of Lunch Cloths, Tray Cloths, Dishes, Towels, Sideboard and Dresser Scarfs, etc. Also Table Linens with Napkins to match, if you wish.

A Handsome Silk Waist Pattern

will please her, especially if you give her one of the stylish new Plaids or Stripes that are so popular. We put them up in a neat Christmas box.

Silk Hosiery

Consider Silk Hosiery when selecting gifts for her—an excellent assortment, including both plain and fancy, and in quantities that please.

Christmas Umbrellas

A big assortment to choose from, including Ladies', Men's, and Children's, both solid and detachable styles. Priced very low, according to quality.

Cap and Scarf Sets

An excellent Christmas gift. We have a good variety to choose from, including all colors and combinations of colors. See them.

Christmas Handkerchiefs

The largest and best assortment we have ever shown, and at practically the old prices. Handkerchiefs have advanced in prices rapidly. This means that the quality is taken from them, that they may sell at the same prices. But remember, ours were bought early, before prices advanced, and have the same high quality at the same low prices. They cannot be duplicated. Make your selections early.

Christmas

in our very busy Dress Goods Department

We are selling many Dress Patterns especially suitable for gift purposes. We offer a large assortment in very remarkable values. Such beautiful quality and popular colors as you would ordinarily find priced much higher. Don't complete your list without seeing this display.

Suits and Coats

You should see our special Suit values at \$10.95—Suits that are worth from \$18.00 to \$22.50, going at this ridiculously low price for quick selling. These are the latest in Suits, made of Poplins, Serges, Whipcords, etc., in the new popular colors. A few better Suits at quick selling prices.

We have several odd numbers in Coats that we are selling much under price. A chance to buy a good Suit or Coat cheap.

Christmas Furs

A gift of Furs is truly the "royal gift." We have an excellent assortment to choose from, and our values are the best obtainable.

Christmas Gloves

Gloves make very appropriate gifts. We have a large assortment of colors at a wide price range. Put up in a neat Christmas box if you wish.

Holiday Ribbons

All colors in Messaline Ribbons, and all widths, from the very narrow to the very wide; also a good assortment of wide fancy and narrow Package Ribbons.

Christmas Hand Bags

You will find in our display the very newest in desirable Bags, priced from 50c to \$6.00 each.

Christmas Slippers

Don't forget the Slippers—a very choice selection to choose from.

The Homer Fitts Company

The Store of Useful Christmas Gifts

GREAT INFLUENCE IN KEEPING WORLD PEACE

This, Says President Wilson, Will Follow if United States Preserves Self-possession.

Columbus, O., Dec. 11.—President Wilson, addressing the chamber of commerce here, declared that if the United States preserves its self-possession in the present crisis it will have great influence in preserving the peaceful course of the world and in bringing the nations together again.

KEPT OUT OF THREE-MILE LIMIT. Spring-Rice Denies British Cruiser Encroached on Neutral Zone.

Washington, Dec. 11.—The British war vessel which chased the Danish steamship Vinland into Newport News several weeks ago did not come nearer than four and one-half miles from shore, British ambassador Spring-Rice told the state department yesterday. The ambassador left with the department records of observations taken by the pursuing vessel showing buoys and other markers which tended to prove the three-mile limit was not entered.

PROBABLY NOT INDICTED.

Bennington Man Who Blinded Youth with Charge of Peas.

Bennington, Dec. 11.—While no official information can be secured to that effect it is generally understood that Charles P. Oatman of this village was not indicted on a criminal charge for the shooting of Walter Hollister, the 16-year-old boy who received a charge of peas in the face while stealing grapes from the Oatman garden early in September. The peas destroyed both of the boy's eyes.

The grand jury, which went into session Wednesday forenoon was discharged Thursday after reporting four bills found and one not found. From admissions made by members of the grand jury it is understood that the bill "not found" was in the case of Mr. Oatman. It is also understood that he escaped indictment by a single vote. The grand jury is composed of 18 members and a two-thirds vote is required to secure an indictment. Eleven are alleged to have voted for an indictment and nine against it.

Failure to return an indictment is not likely to materially change the status of civil suit brought against Mr. Oatman by the injured boy's relatives. Even had an indictment been returned it is probable that the civil suit would be heard before the prosecution by the state.

TALK OF THE TOWN

Parisian ivory toilet goods at Fitts'. See the initial handkerchiefs at Fitts'. New ladies' and children's bathrobes at Fitts'.

A son was born at the City hospital yesterday to Mr. and Mrs. Talbert of 20 Averill street.

Miss Bertha Duval left to-day for Waterbury, where she will visit friends for a few days.

William H. Pitkin of Boston, a former resident of Barre, has been passing a few days in the city on business.

Fred Willard of the North Montpelier road has returned to the city, after spending a few days in Burlington on business.

Walter Douglass of Brook street left this morning for Groton, where he will be the guest of friends through the week end.

We are showing a handsome line of Christmas gifts at the Croft Jewelry Store. Sterling silver napkin markers, while they last, 50c.—adv.

The junior auxiliary, in charge of the young girls of the church of the Good Shepherd, will have a table of useful and fancy articles and invite your patronage next Wednesday and Thursday afternoon and evening.—adv.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Woolhouse, who have been passing 10 days at their former home in Barre, left the city this afternoon for West Chazy, N. Y., where they are to take up their residence, after making their home in North Adams, Mass., for the past two years.

The convention of the National Holiness association opened last evening at the People's Evangelical church at Montpelier. Rev. Will Huff of Sioux City, Iowa, and Rev. E. H. Hilt of Post of Everett, Mass., were present as workers. Rev. C. J. Fowler, D. D., president of the association, was unable to attend on account of an indisposition, but will be in Montpelier the first of the week. Services to-morrow at 10:30 a. m., 2:30 and 7 p. m. All are invited.

Vincita club and the Apollo club of Montpelier will meet in the city Tuesday evening for the first of a series of four tournaments to be held during the winter months. A committee representing each club has arranged for the usual competitions in billiards, whist and pool. Last season a silver loving cup offered as trophy to the club winning the largest number of points went to the Apollo club. Contests this season will center about the possession of the trophy. A buffet luncheon will be served during the matches Tuesday evening.

CALLS TO PURSUE REBELS.

Carranzistas seek to Capture Gen. Rodriguez, Guerrilla.

Douglas, Ariz., Dec. 11.—The Carranzistas who turned defeat into victory and killed 200 Villistas in the battle of Fronteras planned a pursuit yesterday of the major rebel force, which escaped in the direction of Chihuahua. Gen. Flores, rescued from a desperate situation by the arrival of Gen. Calles after forced marches, conferred with Calles at Fronteras.

The capture of Gen. Rodriguez, now more active than Villa himself, was the subject of the conference. At each defeat Rodriguez has reappeared and continued his guerrilla warfare.

For the sake of experiment, the Vermont Marble company of Rutland and Prentiss has offered to give each farmer in Rutland county who desires it five tons of ground marble for liming the soil, some to be used on part of a place of ground, the other part not to be treated, the result to be reported to the Rutland farm bureau next fall. This offer holds good for two months. The product coming from their crushing plant in Prentiss. Ground marble by analysis contains 90.00 per cent of carbonate of lime, 3.00 per cent of carbonate of magnesia, 3.00 per cent of iron and alumina, 1.00 per cent insoluble matter and .00 per cent moisture.

TALK OF THE TOWN

Animal crib blankets at Fitts'. Supper, Presbyterian church, to-night.—adv.

To be sure of buying pure sugar candy and not imitations, visit Mascot's. Our candy is guaranteed to be absolutely pure and fresh.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Gomo of the Montpelier road returned last night from a three weeks' visiting trip in Worcester, Mass., Providence, R. I., and other cities in that vicinity.

The junior and sophomore teams of Spaulding high school will meet in the Spaulding gymnasium to-night at 7:30 for the second game of the inter-class basketball series.

Because of the union service, which is to be held at 7:30 in the Barre opera house Sunday evening, the preaching service in the Presbyterian church Sunday evening will be held from 6:15 to 7:15, when Rev. Edgar Crossland will preach on "Give us this day our daily bread."—adv.

An illumination scheme for lighting the municipal Christmas tree that is to adorn City park at Yuletide is being considered by the decorations committee, a plan for brightening the park having been submitted by local electricians. Another committee elected at the meeting of those interested, which was held recently, after scouring the woods to the east of the city, has succeeded in locating a fir tree large enough, it is believed, to suit the needs of the auspicious Christmas festival that is planned. The coming week will see the various committees working earnestly in the interests of the project.

Among the visitors in the city yesterday and to-day were the following people: David A. Elliott of White River Junction, A. L. Warren and C. F. Thurber of West Fairlee, F. A. Whitaker of Belvidere Falls, V. N. Band of Hardwick, Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Lassell of Montclair, N. J., William Brunner of Stuttgart, Germany, R. H. May of Essex Junction, G. G. Hopper of Fair Haven, C. L. Cowles of Craftsbury, R. B. Holcomb of Rochester, N. Y., E. T. Murray of Ogdensburg, N. Y., E. L. Davis of Brandon, Arthur Hollis of Pittsburg, N. Y., Miss Millie Peters of Brownington, Peter Monti of Quincy, Mass., and John McLaughlin of Burlington.

"Honeycomb Lane" pleased an audience in the opera house last evening of even greater proportions than that of Thursday night, when the company of 65 people who have been trained by Mr. and Mrs. Louis Philbrook made their first bow in the breezy vehicle of music and much dancing. Those who witnessed the production last night were more than ever convinced that "Honeycomb Lane" and its local talent presenting company possess real merit. There was more of verve and a greater manifestation of confidence in the playing of the principals. The choruses profited by the experience of the first night and the company as a whole did most creditably. Proceeds of the two performances are to go in part to allied societies of St. Monica's church.

Scarcely enough snow to provide frolic in the outlying districts arrived in the recent blizzard from Lake Huron, but many people in nearby towns as well as locally have exchanged their wheeled vehicles for runners. Merchants are optimistic regarding the volume of early Christmas season business, as buyers here in the city have thus far shown an inclination to make their purchases earlier than usual. Out of town folks bent on shopping while the shopping is of the best will encounter little difficulty in reaching the markets on runners, although another fall of snow would be welcomed in many quarters. Yesterday the R. & M. T. & P. Co. put its big trolley snow plow in commission, and plows used on the street railroads are being repaired for the winter.

Harvard 1916 Leader.

Cambridge, Dec. 11.—Joseph A. Gilman of Hingham yesterday was elected captain of the Harvard football team for 1916.

BARRE DAILY TIMES

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1915.

The Weather

Fair to-night; Sunday increasing cloudiness and not quite so cold, probably followed by snow at night; fresh northwest winds.

TALK OF THE TOWN

Abram Ziter of Fort Kent, Me., arrived in the city this morning to pass the holiday season with relatives. Albert A. Creamer and son, Allan, went to their camp on Pigeon pond in Plainfield to-day for a week-end stay.

Mr. and Mrs. N. Venetti of Pearl street went this forenoon to Waterbury, where they are to be the guests of friends through the week end.

Thomas Davidson, who has been visiting his mother, Mrs. John Davidson, of Sumner street for a few days, has returned to his home in New York City.

Charles L. Hoernle, an instructor at Goddard seminary, left to-day for a brief visit with friends in St. Johnsbury, where he played summer baseball last season, before going to his home in Dorchester, Mass., for the holidays.

Fancy Linens

AND DRAWN WORK

including Towels, Tray Cloths, Center Pieces, Scarfs, Shams, etc., priced a little lower than others.

Silk Hosiery at 50c and \$1.00, in good assortment of colors, separately boxed.

Warner's Brassieres in holly boxes, made and guaranteed by the Warner Brothers Corset Co. 50c

Handkerchiefs, boxed and separate—Men's, Women's and Children's, at 3c to \$1.50

Hand Bags, Ladies', large assortment with the latest styles and sizes, at \$1.00 to \$5.00

A special in Children's Bags, bright colors, at 50c

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FABRIC AND KID GLOVES, priced, per pair, from 25c to \$2.50

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BAGS AND POCKETBOOKS, a beautiful collection, priced from 25c to \$4.00

CHRISTMAS NECKWEAR, a large assortment for selection, priced at 25c, 50c, 75c and \$1.00

CHRISTMAS APRONS, dainty styles and a wonderful variety to choose from, priced at 25c, 50c, 75c

KIMONOS AND BATH ROBES, priced from \$1.00 to \$5.00

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FIRE 6 SHOTS BEFORE U. S. SHIP HALTED

French Cruiser Ordered to Take All German and Allies from Ships' Crews, Says Lieutenant.

San Juan, Porto Rico, Dec. 11.—Four blank shots and two solid shots were fired by the French cruiser Decourtes in holding up the American steamship Coamo Thursday.

A French lieutenant who boarded the Coamo said orders had been given to take all subjects of Germany and her allies from ships' crews, beginning Dec. 8, and to take all such persons from among the passengers after Dec. 15.

KAISER INVITES PEACE MOVE.

Allies' Talk of "Crushing Germany" Only Obstacle, Is Embassy Belief.

Washington, Dec. 11.—That Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg's speech at the opening of the Reichstag Thursday might be considered an invitation to discuss peace terms, was an unofficial admission at the German embassy yesterday. "I believe Germany would be willing to take up such a discussion at any time if the allies would drop all talk of crushing Germany," said one embassy official. "That is what is standing in the way of peace negotiations. The question of withdrawing from occupied allied territory is a matter which Germany would arbitrate, I believe."

Special communication of Granite Lodge, No. 35, F. and A. M., Sunday afternoon at 10 o'clock for the purpose of attending the funeral of our late brother, Heber Twining, E. M. White.

TOO LATE TO BE CLASSIFIED

WANTED—Situation by competent woman as housekeeper in small family. Reply to letter to "N. Y. Times" office. 22292

LOST—Between Plainfield and East Montpelier, on the main road, a pair of men's new overcoats. Under please notify Bert V. Davis, Plainfield, Vt. 22293

FOR SALE—Kitchen range at a bargain if taken at once. Inquire at 47 Benson street. 22294

STORAGE ROOM for a few boxes and other small stuff. Apply W. A. Lane, Barre, two blocks from depot. 22295

FOR SALE—One Glenwood heater No. 4, motor size. G. A. Lane, 11 Elm street, Barre, Vt. 22296

MEN WANTED to work in trade and with portable saw-mill, including survey and engineering. Apply to George F. Mac, Montpelier, Vt. 22297

WORK WANTED—Blacksmith desires steady work in shop or will do blacksmithing in woods. Send notice by letter to "Blacksmith," care Times office. 22298

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Granite Mutual Insurance Co. of Barre, Vt., will be held at the home office of said company, in the city of Barre, Vt., on Tuesday, January 5, 1916, at 10 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of electing directors for the year ensuing and the transaction of any other business which may properly come before said meeting.

E. S. BISHOP, Secretary.

The Complete Wardrobe!



Poquin, Worth, nor any other world-famous creator of women's dress, can complete a gown.

The finishing touch that completes the picture is the footwear.

No matter how elaborate your winter wardrobe, our stylish

footwear will give the desired finish. We want you to see our display of Bronze Boots. Bronze Vamps with Bronze Cloth Tops, in Button and Lace. Bronze all leather Gipsy cut, Button—prices \$3.75, \$4.50, \$5.00

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BUILD such things as battleships, torpedo boats, row boats, derricks, cranes, the differentials and three speeds of an automobile, machine shops, aeroplanes, towers, bridges, trolley cars, besides hundreds of other models which are shown in the book that goes with each set.

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If ever we had anything in stock that meant hours of fun for the boys it is the new toy, Erector, which had such wonderful use in all the big cities of the country. We are satisfied that this is one of the most attractive playthings that a boy could have. It not only gives him lots of enjoyment, but it teaches him the principles of engineering and construction.

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